

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES -
MEETING OF 19-20 OCTOBER 2011

1. THE COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES WILL HOLD ITS FIFTY-SECOND MEETING ON 19 - 20 OCTOBER 2011, BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2011 AND CONTINUING ON 20 OCTOBER, AS NECESSARY. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA.

2. THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY A WORKSHOP ON 17 OCTOBER AND INFORMAL MEETINGS ON 18 OCTOBER 2011.

3. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA IS PROPOSED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING:

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. INFORMATION ON RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

(a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

(i) EUROPEAN UNION - FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN BULGARIA

(ii) EUROPEAN UNION - SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING ESCHERICHIA COLI (STEC) IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

(iii) JAPAN - INFORMATION REGARDING NUCLEAR PLANT ACCIDENT

(iv) MADAGASCAR - EU MEASURES AFFECTING CERTAIN PRODUCTS FROM MADAGASCAR (G/SPS/GEN/1113)

(v) SOUTH AFRICA - FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE STATUS

(vi) SOUTH AFRICA - AVIAN INFLUENZA STATUS

(vii) CANADA - AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

(viii) MEXICO - USE OF ELECTRONIC SPS CERTIFICATES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

(b) INFORMATION FROM OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

(i) CODEX

(ii) IPPC

(iii) OIE

(iv) OTHER

3. TRANSITIONAL REVIEW UNDER PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
4. SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS (G/SPS/GEN/204/REV.11)
 - (a) NEW ISSUES
 - (i) MALAYSIA'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
 - (ii) CHINA'S REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF FOREIGN ENTERPRISES - CONCERNS OF INDIA
 - (iii) EU REGULATIONS ON CADMIUM IN COCOA BEANS - CONCERNS OF ECUADOR
 - (iv) VIET NAM'S REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR FOREIGN FOOD EXPORTERS - CONCERNS OF INDIA
 - (v) THAILAND'S RESTRICTIONS ON TABLE GRAPES, APPLES AND PEARS - CONCERNS OF SOUTH AFRICA
 - (vi) GULF CO-OPERATION COUNCIL REGULATIONS ON IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS (G/SPS/N/ARE/22, G/SPS/N/OMN/44, G/SPS/N/QAT/22, G/SPS/N/SAU/14) - CONCERNS OF INDIA
 - (vii) EU COURT OF JUSTICE RULING REGARDING POLLEN DERIVED FROM GMOs - CONCERNS OF ARGENTINA
 - (viii) US DEFAULT MRLS, LIMITS OF DETERMINATION OR LIMITS OF QUANTIFICATION ON BASMATI RICE - CONCERNS OF INDIA
 - (b) ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RAISED
 - (i) EU REGULATION ON POLYAMIDE AND MELAMINE PLASTIC KITCHENWARE - CONCERNS OF CHINA (NO. 322)
 - (ii) US FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT - CONCERNS OF CHINA AND INDIA (NO. 299)
 - (iii) JAPAN'S MRLs APPLIED TO CACAO - CONCERNS OF ECUADOR (NO. 283)
 - (iv) VIET NAM'S BAN ON OFFALS - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND UNITED STATES (NO. 314)
 - (v) JAPAN'S PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN FOOD ADDITIVES - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 307)
 - (vi) CHINESE TAIPEI'S PROHIBITION ON RACTOPAMINE IN BEEF AND PORK - CONCERNS OF THE UNITED STATES (NO. 275)
 - (vii) EU MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS OF PESTICIDES - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 306)
 - (viii) TURKEY'S RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM BIOTECHNOLOGY - CONCERNS OF THE UNITED STATES (NO. 302)

- (ix) APPLICATION AND MODIFICATION OF THE EU REGULATION ON NOVEL FOODS - CONCERNS OF PERU (NO. 238)
 - (x) PHILIPPINE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTED FRESH MEAT - CONCERNS OF THE UNITED STATES (NO. 320)
 - (xi) US IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (NO. 102)
 - (xii) INDONESIA'S RESTRICTIONS ON POULTRY MEAT - CONCERNS OF BRAZIL (NO. 286)
 - (xiii) INDIA'S RESTRICTIONS DUE TO AVIAN INFLUENZA - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND UNITED STATES (NO. 185)
 - (xiv) SOUTH AFRICA'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON FRESH PORK MEAT - CONCERNS OF BRAZIL (NO. 287)
 - (xv) US FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH PATAGONIA AS A DISEASE-FREE REGION AND THE REOPENING OF THE MARKET FOR FRESH BEEF FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY - CONCERNS OF ARGENTINA (NO. 318)
 - (xvi) INDONESIA'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON MEAT PRODUCTS AND RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPLE OF EQUIVALENCE - CONCERNS OF BRAZIL (NO. 305)
 - (xvii) IMPORT RESTRICTIONS DUE TO BSE - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (NO. 193)
 - (c) CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED
 - (d) INFORMATION ON RESOLUTION OF ISSUES
5. OPERATION OF TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS (G/SPS/GEN/49/REV.11)
- (a) SECRETARIAT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON TRANSPARENCY
6. IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT
7. EQUIVALENCE - ARTICLE 4
- (a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM RELEVANT OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
8. PEST- AND DISEASE-FREE AREAS - ARTICLE 6
- (a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR PEST OR DISEASE STATUS
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES IN RECOGNITION OF PEST- OR DISEASE-FREE AREAS
 - (c) INFORMATION FROM RELEVANT OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
9. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION
- (a) INFORMATION FROM THE SECRETARIAT
 - (i) WTO SPS ACTIVITIES

- (ii) STDF
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS
 - (i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PROVIDED BY UNITED STATES IN 2009/2010 (G/SPS/GEN/181/ADD.9)
 - (c) INFORMATION FROM OBSERVERS
10. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT
- (a) ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SECOND REVIEW
 - (i) WORKSHOP ON SPS COORDINATION AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS (G/SPS/GEN/1110)
 - (ii) USE OF AD HOC CONSULTATIONS (G/SPS/W/259/REV.1) - REPORT ON INFORMAL MEETING
 - (b) ISSUES ARISING FROM THE THIRD REVIEW
 - (i) REPORT ON INFORMAL MEETING
 - (ii) PROPOSAL BY CANADA AND JAPAN ON JOINT WORK BY STANDARDS SETTING BODIES (G/SPS/W/258)
11. MONITORING OF THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
- (a) NEW ISSUES
 - (b) ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RAISED
12. CONCERNS WITH PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL STANDARDS (G/SPS/55, G/SPS/W/256, G/SPS/W/261)
- (a) REPORT ON INFORMAL MEETING
13. OBSERVERS - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS (G/SPS/GEN/1112, G/SPS/W/78/REV.9)
- (a) AD HOC OBSERVERS
 - (b) NEW REQUESTS (INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION (G/SPS/GEN/121/ADD.13), AFRICAN UNION (G/SPS/GEN/121/ADD.14)
 - (c) OUTSTANDING REQUESTS (APCC, CABI, CBD, CITES, COMESA, ECCAS, GSO, IGAD, OIV)
14. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
15. OTHER BUSINESS
16. DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

4. A WORKSHOP ON SPS COORDINATION AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER, STARTING AT 9 A.M. THE PROGRAMME FOR THIS WORKSHOP IS AVAILABLE IN G/SPS/GEN/1110. ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE SPS COMMITTEE MEETING ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP.

5. AN INFORMAL MEETING ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SECOND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT, IN PARTICULAR ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR AD HOC CONSULTATIONS (ARTICLE 12.2), WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, STARTING AT 10 A.M. (G/SPS/W/259/REV.1).

6. ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING TO ADVANCE WORK ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THE THIRD REVIEW WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2011, STARTING AT 3 P.M. DISCUSSIONS WILL CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, THE PROPOSAL FROM CANADA AND JAPAN REGARDING JOINT WORK BY THE STANDARDS-SETTING BODIES (G/SPS/W/258).

7. THIS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SPS-RELATED PRIVATE STANDARDS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE (G/SPS/55), AND OTHER IDENTIFIED ACTIONS (G/SPS/W/256, G/SPS/W/261).

8. ALL DELEGATES TO THE SPS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS, ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INFORMAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS IN THE WORKSHOP. INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE REGULAR AND INFORMAL SPS COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND FOR THE WORKSHOP.

9. MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE CHAIRPERSON IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES, UPON REQUEST, TO ASSIST WITH THE RESOLUTION OF TRADE CONCERNS.

10. MEMBERS OF THE WTO, OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH OBSERVER STATUS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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